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Raifman Family Revocable Trust Dated 7/2/03,		
limited liability company, dba Gekko Breeding and	Racing	
UNITED STATES I	DISTRICT COURT	
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
GREGORY R. RAIFMAN, individually and as	CASE NO. C 07-02552 MJJ	
REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 7/2/03, SUSAN	DECLARATION OF RICHARD J. IDELL IN	
RAIFMAN, individually and as Trustee of the	SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT AGAINST	
DATED 7/2/03, and GEKKO HOLDINGS, LLC,	DEFENDANTS HANDLER, THAYER &	
	DUGGAN, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND THOMAS J.	
	HANDLER	
Plaintiffs,		
V.		
CLASSICSTAR, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, CLASSICSTAR FARMS, LLC, a		
Kentucky limited liability company, BUFFALO		
GEOSTAR CORPORATION, a Delaware		
D. PLUMMER III, TONY FERGUSON,		
HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, an		
HANDLER, KARREN, HENDRIX, STAGG,		
ALLEN & COMPANY, P.C., a Utah professional		
ASSOCIATES, P.C., a Utah professional		
1000 inclusive,		
Defendants.	1	
	ORY SANDEL, ESQ. (SBN 233204) ELIZABETH J. REST, ESQ. (SBN 244756) IDELL & SEITEL LLP 465 California Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94104 Telephone: (415) 986-2400 Facsimile: (415) 392-9259  Attorneys for Plaintiffs Gregory R. Raifman and Susan Raifman, individually and as Trustees for the Raifman Family Revocable Trust Dated 7/2/03, and Gekko Holdings, LLC, an Alaska limited liability company, dba Gekko Breeding and  UNITED STATES I  NORTHERN DISTRIC GREGORY R. RAIFMAN, individually and as Trustee of the RAIFMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 7/2/03, SUSAN RAIFMAN, individually and as Trustee of the RAIFMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 7/2/03, and GEKKO HOLDINGS, LLC, an Alaska limited liability company, dba GEKKO BREEDING AND RACING,  Plaintiffs,  V.  CLASSICSTAR, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, CLASSICSTAR FARMS, LLC, a Kentucky limited liability company, BUFFALO RANCH, a business entity form unknown, GEOSTAR CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, S DAVID PLUMMER, SPENCER D. PLUMMER III, TONY FERGUSON, THOMAS ROBINSON, JOHN PARROT, HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, THOMAS J. HANDLER, KARREN, HENDRIX, STAGG, ALLEN & COMPANY, P.C., a Utah professional corporation, TERRY L. GREEN, and DOES 1-1000 inclusive,	

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- I am an attorney at law licensed to practice before all of the courts of the State of California and attorney for the Plaintiff GREGORY R. RAIFMAN, individually and as Trustee of the RAIFMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 7/2/03, SUSAN RAIFMAN, individually and as Trustee of the RAIFMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 7/2/03, and GEKKO HOLDINGS, LLC, an Alaska limited liability company, dba GEKKO BREEDING AND RACING (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Plaintiff").
- 2. I am familiar with all of the records and files in this action and the investigation and underlying facts supporting the requested Entry of Default.
- 3. All of the matters set forth herein are stated of my own personal knowledge or based on my review of the files and records in this action, and if sworn as a witness I could testify competently to the matters set forth herein.
- 4. Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4(e) and California Code of Civil Procedure § 413.10, on May 24, 2007, Plaintiff caused the Complaint and Summons to be properly served on Defendants as follows:
  - a. On behalf of Defendant HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, Thomas Handler, Partner of HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, located at 191 N. Wacker Drive, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, was served on May 24, 2007. This service is evidenced by the proof of service of Summons on file with this Court and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
  - b. Defendant THOMAS J. HANDLER was personally served at 191 N. Wacker Drive, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606 on May 24, 2007. This service is evidenced by the proof of service of Summons on file with this Court and attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 5. Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 12(a)(1)(A) and F.R.C.P. 6(a) and 6(e), Defendants had twenty (20) days from the date of service, or until June 13, 2007, to file an answer to the Complaint. The time allowed by law for said Defendants to respond to the Complaint expired on June 13, 2007.
- 6. To date, Plaintiff has not been served with any answer to the Complaint, nor has Plaintiff received any other responsive papers from any of the above-listed Defendants.

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7. Since the Defendants have failed to appear or file a pleading or a motion permitted by law, it is respectfully requested that the Clerk enter a Default against Defendants HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, and THOMAS HANDLER.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th day of July, 2007, in San Francisco, California.

ZIZHARD J. IDELL

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## PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the following service was made. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action. My business address is Idell & Seitel 465 California Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, California 94104.

On July 9, 2007, I served the following document(s):

DECLARATION OF RICHARD J. IDELL IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT AGAINST DEFENDANTS HANDLER, THAYER & DUGGAN, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AND THOMAS J. HANDLER

- by regular UNITED STATES MAIL by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope  $\boxtimes$ addressed as shown below. I am readily familiar with the practice of Idell Seitel & Rutchik for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing. According to that practice, items are deposited with the United States Postal Service at San Francisco, California on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid. I am aware that, on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or the postage meter date is more than one day after the date of deposit for mailing stated in this affidavit.
- by E-MAIL TRANSMISSION, by electronically transmitting a true and correct copy of the  $\boxtimes$ document(s) in Adobe Acrobat format to the electronic mail addresses indicated below:

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I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and I executed this declaration at San Francisco, California.

Suzanne Slavens